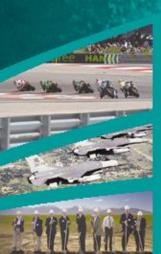


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Business Opportunities in Mexico, 2012 Miguel Rovira



Mexico Demographics/Facts

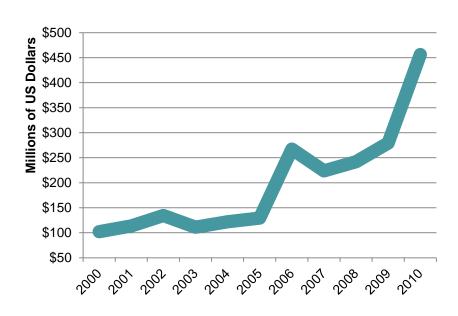


- Population: 112 million
 - Over 3 times population of Canada
- GDP: \$1 trillion, large market
- Average income of \$13,800/person
- 60% of population mid-class income or higher
- 3rd largest U.S. trade partner
- 2nd largest U.S. export market
- 80% of Mexico's exports went to the U.S. in 2010

US/Mexico Free Trade Agreemen

- Since implementation of NAFTA in 1994
 - US exports to Mexico quadruple
 - 1994: \$51 billion → 2011: \$198 billion
- \$1 billion of trade crosses the border *daily*

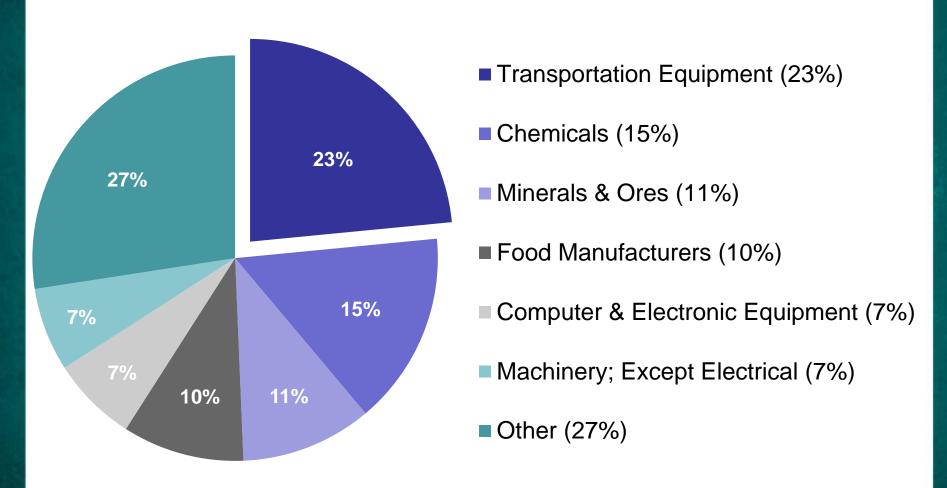
Utah exports to Mexico more than tripled between 2000 and 2010





Top 6 Utah Exports to Mexico





Adapted from Trade Stats Express



Dynamic Markets



Energy & Natural Resources

- Increasing freedoms to private sector companies
- 2008 Mexican Energy Reforms
 - Pemex (nationally owned petroleum producer) now contracts with private companies to meet energy demands.
 - CFE (Federal Energy Commission) also contracts with private companies to supply electricity.



Increasing Opportunities

- 20 Feb., 2012, accord with U.S. to explore deep water gulf.
- Look for growing markets among related goods and services.



Dynamic Markets



Software Development & IT

- Rapid increase of internet users leads to demand for software & IT products/solutions.
 - Software application demand in: healthcare, transportation, security, manufacturing, energy, retail and financial services.

Life Sciences

- Increasing need for IT solutions in Mexico's healthcare institutions.
 - Electronic records, billing systems, personnel management, hands free communication, real-time databases.





Dynamic Markets



- Defense & Security
 - A dynamic market in Mexico: Ministry of Defense & Navy budgets totaled \$4.5 billion in 2010.
 - Needed products: personal protection, armor, alarms, CCTV, and residential security systems.
- Government procurement: Mexican government purchases in 2009:
 - \$23.7 billion in goods (45%), services (25%) and construction services (25%).

Large Government Purchasers:

The Secretariats of Communications, Transportation, Health, and Public Education and Mexican Petroleum (PEMEX) and the Federal Commission of Electricity (CFE)



Political Stability





- Presidential Elections to be held in July of 2012
 - Three presidential candidates Andres Obrador, Enrique Nieto and Josefina Mota.
 - All have business friendly preferences

128 Senators and 500 members of Chamber of Deputies will also be voted on during the 2012 presidential elections.



Business Practices/Culture



Market Entry

- Relationships and friendships with your clients and partners key
 - **Preferred**: telephone & face-to-face meetings
 - · Email widely used
- Joint ventures common 1st strategy of US business
 - U.S. Commercial Service can conduct background checks on potential partners.

Distributor/Agent

- Almost always necessary
 - Reach remote locations
 - Market to ideal consumers/purchasers
- You need more than one
 - To serve all needs/regions
 - Avoid exclusive national agreements

